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Officer's Narrative

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Case #2014-188

Incident: Dispatched Dog
Location of Incident: Co. Rd. 409A
Date of Incident: 07-27-2014

Reporting Officer: Tim Wells #898
Date of Report: 07-28-2014

Narrative:

On 07-27-2014 at approximately 1202 hours, I was notified by Howard County Central Dispatch of a vicious dog complaint asked to contact Kourtney [REDACTED] by phone. I contacted Kourtney and she advised that a white and brown Pit Bull and a tan Pit Bull had come to her property at 121 Co. Rd. 121 from 104 Co. Rd. 409A and attacked her dogs. She stated that this has happened several times in the past and that there had been other times where the white and brown Pit Bull had growled and barked had her and her children on her property. Kourtney stated that she was afraid to go outside or to let her children outside because of this.

At approximately 1256 hours, after making numerous attempts to contact the owner Robert T. Murphy (DOB [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED]), by phone, I arrived on scene.

Upon my arrival, two dogs which matched the description given by Kourtney, approached my patrol car. The white and brown dog immediately started barking and growling outside my door. I attempted to open my door to get out and he became more aggressive so I closed the door and waited for him to disengage. Once the dogs left my patrol car, I exited and the white and brown dog turned back around and started barking again. After yelling at him several times to get away, both dogs ran back to 104 Co. Rd. 409A. At that time I made contact with Kourtney and gave her a statement form to fill out. After dropping the statement from off, I got back in my patrol car and drove to 104 Co. Rd. 409A where the dogs belong but no one was home. I drove back down to the reporting party's address while I was still in my patrol car, both dogs ran back over to the reporting party's property and attempted to get to her dogs which were kenneled under her carport. I notified Howard Central that the dog was back on the reporting party's property and was being aggressive. I exited my patrol car again and the white and brown dog ran back across the road and around my car barking and growling. Feeling threatened, I then began yelling at the dog to get away numerous times, the dog continued to bark and growl. Still feeling threatened, I removed my 12 gauge shotgun from my patrol car. I continued to yell at the dog to get away and go lay down, but he would not let me get away from my patrol car. Still feeling threatened, I discharged one round of 12 gauge 00buckshot, into the white and brown dog, neutralizing the threat. I then notified Howard Central that one dog had been dispatched. I then notified the reporting party of the incident, obtained a written statement from her, and attempted to

contact the owner several more times after leaving the scene. I was unable to contact the owner until approximately 2200 hours when he called Howard Central and provided them with a phone number and requested contact. I made contact with Robert Murphy at phone number 1-573- [REDACTED] which was a number that did not have for him until I was contacted by Howard Central and asked to contact him.

Prior to this incident, there were two documented calls reference these dogs being aggressive and not being secured on the owners property. There was an incident on 11-09-2013 and one on 06-23-2014. Robert Murphy has been verbally warned about keeping his animals secured.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Wells", with a stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Tim Wells DSN 695

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